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TAGS: NATO, AORG, MARR, MPOL, FR  
SUBJECT: LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM FOLLOW-THROUGH:  
FRENCH REACTION

1. ACTING SECGEN PETRIGNANI TOLD CHARGE AUGUST 2 THAT HE HAD RAISED QUESTION OF FRENCH REACTION TO LTDP-INDUCED IS PERSONNEL REFORM PROPOSALS WITH FRENCH PERMREP TINE RECENTLY (AND PRESUMABLY AFTER DISCUSSION AT JULY 18 PERMREP LUNCH - USNATO 7039). PETRIGNANI SAID HE TOLD TINE THAT WHILE LTDP WAS OBVIOUSLY MOTIVATING FORCE FOR PROPOSALS AND WHILE HE RECOGNIZED FRANCE'S PARTICULAR POSITION REGARDING LTDP, HE NONETHELESS BELIEVED FRANCE WOULD BENEFIT FROM PROPOSED REFORMS WHICH COULD INCLUDE INCREASES IN NATO'S CIVILIAN BUDGET AND THAT HE HOPED FRANCE WOULD NOT RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS IN PRINCIPLE AND WOULD ACCEPT BOTH THE STAFFING PROPOSAL AND ITS BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS.

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2. TINE REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD PASS THIS ON TO PARIS AND THAT HE WAS "NOT PESSIMISTIC" CONCERNING THE CHANCES OF A POSITIVE FRENCH REACTION.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN GIVING SOME THOUGHT HERE CONCERNING THIS ASPECT OF THE FRENCH LTDP PROBLEM. ONE OF THE POTENTIAL OPTIONS WAS TO WORK THROUGH PETRIGNANI.

THAT CARD HAS NOW BEEN PLAYED AND ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE  
IT IS A GOOD OPENING BID. (NEVERTHELESS WE ARE NOT UNDULY  
OPTIMISTIC JUST BECAUSE TINE SAID HE WAS NOT PESSIMISTIC.)  
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